**Delaware City Council Meeting Minutes**

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Mayor Fishler called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Roll call of members present: Burt Davis, Larry Tibbott, Kevin Clark, Rick Lahr, Barb Ries. Absent: None.

Also present: Alex Elgin, Harlan Bond, Cliff & Kelly Schanbeck, John & Rose Hadley, Crystal Haar, Dean Hendricks.

Cliff Schanbeck addressed the Council regarding the land he owns and is purchasing next to the City brush dump. He noted he had heard there might be some changes and wanted to let the Council know he is perfectly fine with how the site is currently set-up and would like to see it stay the same. The Council thanked the Schanbecks for coming to the meeting and commented that they appreciated them working with the City.

Building Permit Applications

Harlan Bond, 301 3rd Street, reviewed his building permit application with the Council noting that he would like to put up a 20x20 addition on his detached garage. Motion by Lahr, seconded by Ries to approve the building permit for Harlan Bond for an addition to his detached garage at his property at 301 3rd Street. Motion carried, all ayes.

John Hadley addressed the Council requesting a renewal for his building permit at 300 East Jefferson Street for the building he is constructing. The Council discussed with the Hadley’s if the property was going to be one or two stories, the timeline for completion, grading on the site, weeds, and issues the Hadley’s are having in finding contractors. The Council agreed they would like to see progress being made on the property. Motion by Clark, seconded by Ries to approve the building permit renewal for John and Rose Hadley for the construction of a two story garage/house at the property at 300 East Jefferson Street. Motion carried, all ayes.

John Hadley addressed the Council requesting a fence permit for the property at 216 7th Street. The Council discussed the potential location for the fence and asked Council Member Lahr and Alex Elgin to mark out an area for the fence that would not impede the street/snow removal. Motion by Davis, seconded by Tibbott to approve the building permit for a fence for John Hadley for the property at 216 7th Street contingent upon Council Member Lahr and Alex Elgin marking the appropriate area. Motion carried, all ayes.

Livestock Applications/Chicken Ordinance

Crystal Haar addressed the Council requesting permission to have 8 chickens and no roosters at her property at 211 East Jefferson Street. Following discussion, motion by Davis, seconded by Ries to approve the request of Crystal Haar to have 8 chickens and no roosters on her property at 211 East Jefferson Street. Motion carried, all ayes.

The Council reviewed potential language to add to the City Code for chickens and discussed creating an agricultural zoning district on the edge of town. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

Rieken Property Update

Mayor Fishler informed the Council that no further information had been received from Candace Rieken since the special meeting.

Brush Dump Camera

The Council discussed a trail camera to monitor dumping at the brush dump. Motion by Ries, seconded by Tibbott to authorize staff to purchase a camera at a cost of up to $300.00 with a basic data plan for the brush dump. Motion carried, all ayes.

West Well House Bypass Valve

The Council reviewed estimates from F.L. Krapfl and Oasis Pump Service for the installation of valves at the west well house. Hendricks and Elgin discussed the estimates with the Council. Motion by Lahr, seconded by Clark to approve the estimate from Oasis Pump Service in the amount of $3,490.52 for repairs at the west well house. Motion carried, all ayes.

Sewer Lagoons Fencing/Mowing

The Council reviewed an estimate from Goats on the Go for grazing at the sewer lagoons. The Council discussed other potential farmers who might have goats/sheep to graze, and also the repairs needed to the fence at the lagoons.

Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency – Compost Question

The Council reviewed an email from the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency offering compost to area communities if the City’s would haul it. The Council also discussed having Kluesner Sanitation provide a dumpster for cardboard recycling and the location for it, and the Council agreed that it would be nice to offer residents.

Purchasing Policy

The Council reviewed a potential purchasing policy for the City. The City Clerk will make some modifications and bring it back to the Council for further review.

City Mapping Questions

The Council reviewed the mapping questions from Fehr Graham for the Diamond Maps program.

Department Reports

Fire/Civil Defense: Elgin informed the Council that the annual Father’s Day Breakfast will be June 19, and updated the Council on equipment purchases.

Streets: Lahr reported that they are waiting on cold patch and to hear if the City has been awarded the RCTP grant. Mayor Fishler commented that he had gotten a question about if the City planned to do dust control again. The Council discussed and asked to have prices for consideration at the next meeting. The Council also discussed having the County cut back the brush along the sewer road. Crystal Haar asked if the Council would consider placing the speed bumps on Jefferson Street again to slow traffic. The Council discussed and agreed to put the speed bumps back in.

Council Member Ries left at 9:38am.

Park: Elgin informed the Council it would be $120.00 for a truckload of mulch for the park. Motion by Davis, seconded by Tibbott to approve the purchase of a truckload of mulch. Motion carried, all ayes.

Water: Hendricks informed the Council they planned to flush hydrants on May 24-25, weather permitting. The Council asked the City Clerk to send a postcard to the residents to notify them and to put it on the City’s Facebook page. The Council discussed delinquent utility accounts and implementing timesheets.

Sewer: Hendricks updated the Council on the sewer lagoon draining and issues with the alarm system.

Other Business

City Clerk Learn asked that the June City Council meeting be changed due to a family vacation. The Council agreed to meet on Wednesday, June 8 at 6:00pm.

Mayor Fishler asked for a volunteer to serve on the ECIA Housing Board, noting that the City needed to have two representatives and he would fill one of the spots. Council Member Davis volunteered to fill the other position.

Standing Business

* Approve the minutes of the April 9, 2022 City Council meeting; Approve payment of the bills; Delaware County Sheriff’s Office April 2022 Report; April 2022 Revenue and Expense Report

Motion by Clark, seconded by Davis to approve the standing business items. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Lahr, seconded by Clark that the meeting adjourn at 10:12am. Motion carried, all ayes.

Erin Learn, City Clerk